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OFFICE OF FINANCE, REFUND SECTION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs,

RE: U.S. PATENT APPLICATION:
GARY E. GAUMER, ET AL;
APPLICATION NO. 09/532,140;
FILED : MARCH 21, 2000;
ATTORNEY DOCKET: 1966.

Further to the decision of the Office of Petitions dated August 19, 2002, it is requested that of the fee of \$980.00 be refunded to my office at the above address.

A copy of the decision is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


W. KRAWITZ

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In re Application of
Gary E. Gaumer et al
Application No. 09/532,140
Filed: March 21, 2000
Attorney Docket No. 1966

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 24, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed June 18, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on September 19, 2001.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$980.00 extension of time submitted on April 1, 2002 (certificate of mailing date March 17, 2002) was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, petitioner may request a refund of this fee by writing to the Office of Finance, Refund Section. A copy of this decision should accompany petitioner's request.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (703) 305-9282.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1616.

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